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SUBJECT: HORN TALKS IN US

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1. WE INFORMED QUAI ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS HAREL FIRST THING MORNING JANUARY 18 OF PROPOSAL TO EXTEND NAMIBIA TALKS TO COVER SITUATION ON THE HORN JANUARY 19. HAREL SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED EITHER BY ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OR ITS UN MISSION OF THE PROPOSAL TO BROADEN THE DISCUSSIONS. HAREL'S IMMEDIATE REACTION WAS THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO SEND SOMEONE TO THE TALKS AND THAT THEY WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO PERMREP LEPRETTE IN NEW YORK.

2. AFRICAN DIRECTOR GEORGY CALLED BACK SOON AFTER TO ENQUIRE INTO THE GENESIS OF THE PROPOSAL FOR TALKS ON THE HORN IN NEW YORK. WE RELATED IT TO SIAD BARRE'S CONVOKING OF WESTERN AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES IN
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MOGADISCIO JANUARY 16. GEORGY ASKED WHETHER THIS MEETING WOULD BE IN PLACE OF OR ADDITIONAL TO THE FOUR-POWER MEETING PLANNED FOR THE 31ST IN LONDON. WE SAID THAT WE PRESUMED IT WOULD BE ADDITIONAL TO THAT MEETING. GEORGY SAID THAT HE FELT OBLIGED TO GO HIMSELF SINCE NEITHER THABAULT NOR LEPRETTE IS FULLY CONVERSANT WITH THE SUBJECT. GEORGY SAID THAT HE WOULD

DISCUSS HIS PARTICIPATION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER
AND LET US KNOW LATER IN THE DAY IF HE WILL BE CATCHING
A PLANE FOR NEW YORK TONIGHT.

3. GEORGY SEEMED PLEASED AT THE DECISION NOT REPEAT
NOT TO INVITE THE ITALIANS TO PARTICIPATE. HE SEEMED
UNHAPPY, HOWEVER, WITH THE JANUARY 17 FOREIGN OFFICE
ANNOUNCEMENT IN LONDON THAT THE FOUR PLUS ITALY WOULD
BE MEETING SHORTLY TO DISCUSS THE HORN SITUATION,
BOTH BECAUSE THE BRITISH HAD GONE PUBLIC ON THE FACT OF
THE CONSULTATIONS AND BECAUSE OF UNDESIRE ITALIAN
PARTICIPATION.
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